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1. NIGERIAN DELEGATION TO GENEVA SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE IS UNANNOUNCED, BUT UNDERSTAND IT SHOULD BE ROUGHLY SAME AS AT CARACAS. REF. (B) CONTAINS BASIC BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON PRESUMED TOP FOUR MEMBERS OF DELEGATION: N.D. GRAHAM-DOUGLAS, J. D. OGUNDERE, O. ADENIJI AND J. G. TOBOR. SAME MESSAGE INCLUDES SUMMARIES ON O. ALO (WHO DEPUTY PERM REP IN MISSION TO UN IN GENEVA) AND E. O. BAYAGBONA (NOW NIGERIAN REP TO FAO IN ROME), WHO WERE NOT AT CARACAS BUT MAY ATTEND GENEVA SESSION. TOBOR HAS REPLACED BAYAGBONA AS DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL FISHERIES.

2. FOLLOWING ARE BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF OTHERS WHO ATTENDED LAST YEAR OR MAY ATTEND:

A. M. O. ADIO, ACTING SENIOR COUNSEL GRADE I, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, WAS BORN 1936 AND ENTERED GOVERNMENT SERVICE 1957. HE HOLDS AN LL.B AND IS MARRIED. ADIO IS FRIENDLY AND APPARENTLY PRO-AMERICAN, BUT HE TENDS TO BE RESERVED, MORE A LISTENER THAN A TALKER. HE WORKED IN 1ST COMMITTEE OF CARACAS

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SESSION, AND IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT METHODS OF EXPLOITATION OF

DEEP SEABED.

B. LT. COMMANDER M. A. B. ELEGBEDE, DIRECTOR OF NIGERIAN HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT, IS OPEN FRIENDLY, ALTHOUGH INITIALLY HE CAN BE SOMEWHAT HAUGHTY. ELEGBEDE IS WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD US. HE IS MARRIED. HE SERVED ON 2ND COMMITTEE (ECONOMIC ZONE, STRAITS).

C. I. P. J. OBEBE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, MEA, WAS BORN 1935. HE HOLDS A BS IN ECONOMICS FROM IBADAN AND DID GRADUATE WORK AT UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES. HE HAS SERVED MEA IN ROME (PART-TIME, WHILE STUDYING AT NAPLES), BERN, ACCRA AND ANKARA. OBEBE IS VERY FRIENDLY AND OPEN. HE IS BASICALLY PRO-AMERICAN AND HAS SOME KNOWLEDGE OF LOS MATTERS. IF ADENIJI ATTENDS GENEVA SESSION, IT UNLIKELY OBEBE WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

D. MISS C. M. AGUTA, SENIOR STATE COUNSEL GRAVE V, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, REPRESENTED FMG ON 3RD COMMITTEE OF CARACAS SESSION (SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH). THOUGH TRAINED IN LAW, SHE SEEMS WELL-ACQUAINTED WITH SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENTS. SHE IS OUTSPOKEN IN DEFENSE OF THIRD WORLD AND NIGERIAN INTERESTS.

4. WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION WHEN COMPOSITION OF NIGERIAN DELEGATION IS SETTLED.
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